Kuriathodu and Gnarathodu in Parur.

138. ✻ MR. A. K. KUMARAN VAIDYAN : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they had given permission to any body to close up the Kuriathodu and Gnarathodu in Parur taluk for fishing purposes and if so, to whom and for how long ;

(*b*) if there is any notification or order of the Government dated 15-12-1115 prohibiting such closures ;

(*c*) if there is any such, why permission was granted in this case contrary to that ; and

(*d*) whether they have received any representations detailing the grievances of the locality due to the closure of these canals and, if so, what action was taken in the matter ?

DR. K. L. MOUDGILL : (*a*) Yes. Mr. Chumar Augusti, Melyakal, Kuzhupullai Village, Kanayannur, from Thulam 1116 to Medom 1116.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Does not arise in view of the answer to part (*b*).

(*d*) Yes. The bund was opened by the Fisheries Department and it is not being put up this year.

Krishnavilasom English Middle School at Edapally.

139. ✻ MR. A. K. KUMARAN VAIDYAN : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they propose to hand over the Krishnavilasom Government English Middle School at Edapally to the Edapally Swaroopam or to any other private agency ;

(*b*) if so, to whom ; and the number of applicants for the same;

(*c*) whether they are aware that the public have protested against such handing over ; and

(*d*) whether the people in public meeting assembled have not represented their grievances on the matter to Government.

MR. A. GOPALA MENON (*Director of Public Instruction*) : (*a*) The manager of the Edapally Swaroopam applied to the Government that the Departmental English Middle School at Edapally might be transferred to the management of the Swaroopam and this application is under consideration.

(*b*) In view of answer to (*a*) above, the first part of the question does not arise. Only the manager of the Swaroopam applied.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Yes.

Provident Fund system in Grant-in-aid Schools.

140. ✻MR. G. VELU PILLAI (*Karunagapalli* cum *Kartikapalli*) : Will the Government be pleased to state ;

(*a*) the number of grant-in-aid English Schools in the State in which provident fund system has been introduced ; and

(*b*) the number of such schools in which provident fund has not been introduced ?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON : (*a*) 17.

(*b*) 28.

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MR. G. VELU PILLAI : May I know whether Government cannot compel the managements of the schools to introduce the provident fund system ?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON : At present the system is on a voluntary basis.

MR. G. VELU PILLAI : May I know whether all the teachers of private schools are getting the benefit of provident fund in those schools where it has been introduced ?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON : Only those who subscribe to the fund get the benefit of it.

Public Service.

141. * **MR. P. S. MUHAMED** (*Quilon cum Kottarakara*) : Will the Government be pleased :

(*a*) to lay on the table a copy of the Government order placing all appointments carrying a salary of above Rs. 20 in the intermediate grade ; and

(*b*) to state the reasons and circumstances that prompted the Government to make such modification in the rules governing the appointments in public service ?

MR. S. N. URE (*Public Service Commissioner*) : (*a*) No such order has been passed.

(*b*) In view of the answer to part (*a*), this does not arise.

Visitors to the Aquarium.

142. * **MR. G. VELU PILLAI** : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the average number of visitors per day in the Aquarium ;

(*b*) whether any fee is fixed for visitors ;

(*c*) if so, how much it is ;

(*d*) the amount collected up-to-date from tickets sold to visitors;

(*e*) the number of varieties of fish in the Aquarium at present ; and

(*f*) the name of the person who is in charge of the Aquarium ?

DR. K. L. MOUDGILL : (*a*) 100.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) One chuckram per head.

(*d*) Rs. 1,780-17-0.

(*e*) 27 varieties of fresh and brackish water fish and 24 varieties of marine fish.

(*f*) Mr. A. Paramoo, M. Sc. acting Curator working under the direct supervision of Dr. C. C. John, Professor of Marine Biology and Fisheries.

Aquarium.

143. * **MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN** (*Chirayinkil cum Nedumangad*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of the varieties of fish which had been in the Aquarium on 1-4-1116 ; and

(*b*) how many of them are extinct at present (5-4-1117) in the Aquarium ?

DR. K. L. MOUDGILL : (*a*) 24 varieties, of which 9 were of marine, 7 of brackish water and 8 of fresh water fish.

(*b*) the question is not understood.

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